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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-11 as follows:

1. (Original) A method of measuring mass flow of a first gas component in a gas

consisting of one or more known gas components, which gas flows in a pipe in which

one or more measurement devices (440, 450, 460, 461, 462, 465; 540, 550, 560,

561, 562, 565; 635, 640, 660, 661, 662, 665) is/are arranged in connection with the

pipe, said method comprising the following steps:

- determination of one or more gas parameters of the gas by means of the

measurement device(s) (440, 450, 460, 461, 462, 465; 540, 550, 560, 561, 562, 565;

635, 640, 660, 661, 662, 665),

- determination of the mass flow of the one gas component by means of the

determination of the one or more gas parameters,

characterised in

that the determination of the one or more gas parameters comprises a continuous

determination of all of those of the gas parameters that are used in the determination

of the mass flow of the first gas component and which may vary considerable as a

function of the gas composition, pressure and/or temperature.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, characterised in that in connection with

the pipe a tubular body (410; 510; 610) is incorporated, which is surrounded by an

insulating material (430; 530; 630), and wherein the method further comprises the

following steps:

- supply of a given amount of energy E to the gas in the tubular body (410; 510;

610).

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3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein the measurement device(s) (440, 450, 460, 461, 462, 465; 540, 550, 560, 561, 562, 565; 635, 640, 660, 661, 662, 665), that are used for determining the one or more gas parameters comprise a volume percentage measurement instrument (440; 540; 640) and two temperature measurement instruments (460, 465; 560, 565; 660, 665), wherein the volume percentage measurement instrument (440; 540; 640) is arranged in or in immediate vicinity of the tubular body (410; 510; 610) and wherein the one temperature measurement instrument (460; 560; 660) is arranged at the inlet of the tubular body (410; 510; 610) and the second temperature measurement instrument (465; 565; 665) is arranged at the outlet of the tubular body (410; 510; 610).

- 4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2 or 3, characterised in that wherein the step of determination of one or more gas parameters by means of measurement devices comprise:
- determination of the gas temperature T₁ at the inlet of the tubular body; and
- determination of the gas temperature T₂ at the outlet of the tubular body.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method according to any of the claims claim 2 to 4, characterised in that wherein those of the gas parameters that are determined continuously and that partake in the determination of the mass flow consist of the gas composition and the gas temperature T₁ at the inlet of the tubular body and the gas temperature T₂ at the outlet of the tubular body.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the measurement devices comprise a pressure differential measuring instrument (450; 550; 640) and a volume percentage measurement instrument (440; 540; 640); and in that those of the gas parameters that are determined continuously and partake in the determination of the mass flow of the first gas component comprise pressure differential across a restriction and the volume percentage of the first gas component.

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7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, characterised in that wherein the measurement devices moreover comprise a temperature measuring instrument (460, 461, 462, 465; 560, 561, 562, 565; 660, 661, 662, 665) and that those of the gas parameters that are determined continually and partake in the determination of the mass flow of the first gas component moreover comprise the gas temperature.

- 8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6 or 7, characterised in that wherein those of the gas parameters that are determined continually and partake in the determination of the mass flow comprise the gas density.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the measurement devices comprise a hotwire and a volume percentage measurement instrument.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, characterised in that wherein the measurement devices also comprise a temperature measurement instrument.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9 or 10, characterised in that wherein those of the gas parameters that are determined continuously and partake in the determination of the mass flow comprise one or more of the following: the viscosity of the gas, the heat capacity of the gas, the heat conductivity of the gas, the density of the gas, and the temperature of the gas, the volume percentage of the first gas component.
- 12. (Original) Use of the method according to any one of claims 1 to 11 for the determination of the mass flow of a first gas component being in saturation state.
- 13. (Original) Use of the method according to claim 12, wherein the first gas component being in saturation state is water vapour.
- 14. (Original) Use of the method according to any one of claims 1 to 11 for the determination of the mass flow of a first gas component in a biogas.

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15. (Original) A mass flow measurement device for measuring a first gas component in a gas consisting of one or more known gas components, wherein the mass flow measurement device performs the method according to any one of claims 1 through 11.

16. (Original) A mass flow measurement device according to claim 15, wherein the mass flow measurement device comprises a tubular body (410; 510; 610) surrounded by an insulating material (430; 530; 630), which tubular body (410; 510; 610) is configured for being connected to a pipe in which a gas flows, which tubular body (410; 510; 610) has an inlet (411; 511; 611) and an outlet (412; 512; 612) for the flowing gas; means (420; 520; 620) for supplying energy to gas in the tubular body (410; 510; 610), a temperature measurement instrument (460; 560; 660) at the inlet of the tubular body (411; 511; 611), a temperature measurement instrument (465; 565; 665) at the outlet of the tubular body (412; 512; 612) and a volume percentage measurement instrument (440; 540; 640).